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Call for Polluter   to Clean Up Beach]

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Mayors of Old Bridge and Sayreville Call for Polluter to Clean Up Beach

Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O=92Brien and Old Bridge Mayor James T.
Phillips today called for National Lead, which had manufacturing
facilities in Perth Amboy and Sayreville, to take full responsibility
for the clean up of three areas along the Raritan Bay where the
company dumped lead contaminants.

The mayors are pointing to a letter written on National Lead
stationary in 1970, in which company officials informed the state
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that a local trucking
company was carting their lead slag from Perth Amboy to the waters of
the Raritan Bay.

The letter is on file at the DEP, which recently forwarded the case to
the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The DEP had restricted
access to Margaret=92s Creek in Old Bridge and a sea wall, as the first
step in the remediation process. The EPA is now recommending an
additional 40 yards of beachfront north of the sea wall be restricted
from public use.

=93When the EPA begins a remediation program, the challenge is often to
figure out who was initially responsible for the contamination,=94
Phillips said. =93There are often many parties involved; many of these
parties no longer exist. We are fortunate that we have this letter
from National Lead, implicating this company in the contamination. So,
Mayor O=92Brien and I are now calling for an immediate clean-up.=94

The lead contamination is located on the site of the former Robert E.
Lee Inn in Sayreville, as well as at the sea wall and nearby on the
beach in Old Bridge. The mayors stressed that there is no immediate
health threat to the public. The county boardwalk in Old Bridge has
undergone environmental testing; there is no risk.

Some of the lead slag was used to create the sea wall in Laurence
Harbor in Old Bridge. Over the years, portion of the lead flaked off
the sea wall and has been found nearby on the beach. Phillips said the
lead could only be dangerous if ingested over a long period of time.
Under federal guidelines, he said, it must be removed.

O=92Brien said the borough has been aggressively seeking proposals to
redevelop the former Robert E. Lee site into a restaurant and marina.
For this to occur, he said, the EPA must conduct its clean-up of its
waterfront.

=93We have the opportunity to create a great waterfront amenity for the
people of Sayreville,=94 O=92Brien said. =93National Lead needs to work wit=
h
the EPA to conduct an immediate and comprehensive remediation program.
Because we know the responsible party, there is no reason for this
project to languish.=94

Phillips and O=92Brien also urged the EPA to make the clean-up a top
priority, noting the federal agency is known to take 10-20 years to
complete a project. =93There is absolutely no reason to wait,=94 Phillips
said.

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